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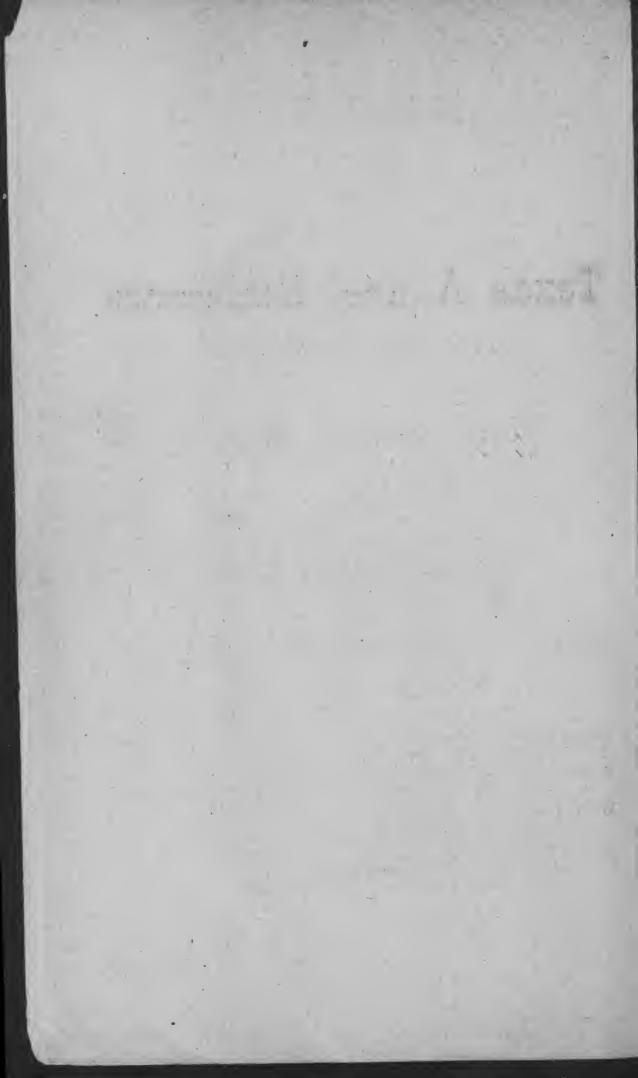
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Journal of the Conference.

FIRST DAY.

Brenham, Texas, Dec. 1, 1886.

Opening.—The Texas Annual Conference met in its forty-seventh session, in the Methodist Church at Brenham, Texas, 9 a.m., Dec. 1st, 1886, Bishop Jos. S. Key in the chair. Religious services were conducted by the Bishop.

Rev. H. V. Philpott, Secretary of the former Conference, called the roll, and sixty-seven preachers and twelve lay delegates answered to their names.

Secretaries.—H. V. Philpott was elected Secretary, and Weems Wooton and Jno. R. Morris, assistants, and C. R. Wright statistical secretary.

Committees.—The following committees were elected:

On Public Worship, H. V. Philpott, A. E. Goodwyn and J. N. Brown.

On Books and Periodicals, C. W. Thomas, C. C. Armstrong, E. W. Tarrant, F. O. Favor, C. M. Keith, D. J. Parker, J. D. Thomas, J. W. Morris, F. T. Mitchell, J. L. Murray, H. M. Sears, J. N. Smith.

On District Conference Records, O. T. Hotchkiss, Jno. R. Dunn, S. N. Barker, Jesse Scruggs, R. J. Price, Geo. E. Clothier, N. A. Rector, Geo. R. Bryce, M. H. Porter, G. S. Sandel and J. N. Brown.

On Bible Cause, J. M. Wesson, A. L. P. Green, J. W. Ireland, G. H. Phair, Chas. Bearing, W. K. Turner, G. Powledge, J. W. Kelly, P. B. Sims, J. A. Duncan, J. T. Simpson and S. C. Vaughan.

On Conference Relations, C. A. Evans, M. S. Hotchkiss, J. H. Chambliss, J. B. Sears, Seth Ward, W. W. Graham, J. C. Mickle, H. M. DuBose, J. P. Childers, Jno. E. Green and N. F. Law.

On Temperance, W. W. Pinson, T. W. Rogers, W. F. Malone, J. L. Lemons, B. A. Philpott, S. C. Littlepage, J. A. Savage, N. B.

Sligh, T. B. Graves, E. G. Hocutt, S. H. Brown and T. F. Dimmitt.

Publishing House.—A communication from the Publishing House was read and referred to Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Committee on Publication presented a report, which was referred to Committee on Books and Periodicals without being read.

Church Extension.—A communication from Rev. David Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was read and referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

Historical Society.—On motion, I. G. John, Wesley Smith and I. Z. T. Morris, were made a committee to consider a proposition presented to this body to organize a Historical Society.

Transfers.—Question 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences?

The Bishop announced the following transfers: Weems Wooton, from North Texas Conference, J. D. Scott from Tennessee Conference and D. F. C. Timmons from the North Georgia Conference.

Rev. A. Mizell of the Missouri Conference was introduced to the Conference.

Publishing House Business.—J. D. Scott, assisted by C. H. Buchanan and J. C. Mickle was appointed to transact the business of the Publishing House.

Examination of Character.—Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of Jacob Matthews and John M. Whipple were called and it was announced that they had died since the last session of the Conference, and their names were referred to Committee on Memoirs. The name of Wm. Shapard was called, his character passed, and his name referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for supernumerary relation.

James Peeler.—The name of James Peeler was called and complaint being made by J. E. Green, on motion his case was referred to a committee of inquiry, composed of A. E. Goodwyn, Jas. A. Duncan and J. G. Johnson.

D. H. Linebaugh and C. L. Farrington were called, their character passed and their names referred to Committee on Conference Relations for supernumerary relations.

Superannuates.—The names of the following brethren were called, their character passed and they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for superannuated relations:

John H. Davidson, Jas. M. Turner, A. Hinkle, F. A. McShan, Wesley Smith, N. A. Cravens and James G. Johnson.

The names of W. G. Nelms, J. F. Follin, F. L. Allen and I. Z. T. Morris were called and their characters passed.

The name of H. V. Philpott was called; the hour of adjournment having arrived, the case was laid over for the time being.

G. E. Clothier, lay delegate from Galveston District, arrived and took his seat.

After announcements a hymn was sung and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

December 2, 1886.

Opening.—The Conference met at 9 a. m., Bishop Key presiding, and was opened with religious service by H. A. Bourland. On calling of roll, 59 preachers and 12 lay delegates answered to their names.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Chappell Hill Female College.—A report from the Board of Trustees of Chappell Hill Female College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Southwestern University.—Reports of the Boards of Curators and Trustees of Southwestern University, were read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Missionary Secretary.—The annual report of the missionary secretary was read, and in connection with other papers bearing on the subject, was referred to the conference board of missions.

Advocate of Missions.—The following resolution was offered and adopted by a rising vote, viz:

"Resolved, That the presiding Elders of this conference supply themselves with copies of the Advocate of Missions and the Woman's Missionary Advocate, and when the 12th question is called in the second quarterly conference, call attention of the official members to these publications and solicit subscribers."

(Signed)

I. Z. T. MORRIS, W. W. PINSON.

I. G. John.—Dr. I. G. John, missionary secretary, spoke at some length on the subject of missions.

Boards and Committees.—The Presiding Elders then nominated the regular Boards and Committees for the ensuing four years. (See Boards and Committees.)

Editor and Publisher of Minutes.—On motion, W. W. Pinson was elected editor and publisher of the minutes.

Episcopal Residence.—On motion, a committee on episcopal residence was appointed to act in conjunction with like committees of other Texas conferences in securing an episcopal residence in Texas. (See Boards and Committees.)

Examination of Character.—Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The case of H. V. Philpott, complained of by James Peeler for alleged mal-administration in the case of W. B. Streetman, Sunday School superintendent at Cameron, which was laid over yesterday morning, was called up again by said James Peeler. The complaint was not entertained by the chair, because legal notice had not been given, and was abandoned by complainant.

H. V. Philpott replied and stated that he had made no ruling in the case about which the complaints were made, and that they were without foundation in fact. After which he, H. V. Philpott, represented his district, and his character passed.

P. P. Norwood.—The name of P. P. Norwood was called and F. L. Allen, P. E. of the Calvert district, presented the papers relating to a trial by a committee under chapter 7, section 2, paragraph 117, of the discipline, held since the last session of the conference, in the case of said P. P. Norwood, in which he was suspended from the functions of the ministry.

On motion, a committee of inquiry was appointed, composed of T. W. Rogers, J. B. Sears and J. C. Mickle, to whom the papers were referred.

Admitted on Trial.—Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?

F. E. Hammond, recommended by the quarterly conference of St. John's Station, Galveston district; J. B. Cochran, recommended by the quarterly conference of Shearn Station, Galveston district; F. H. C. Elliott, recommended by the quarterly conference of the Austin City Mission, Austin district; John W. Faires, recommended by the quarterly conference of Brenham Station, Chappell Hill district; C. R. Carter, recommended by the quarterly conference of Spring Creek mission; J. L. Hendry, recommended by the quarterly conference of Willis Station, Huntsville district; Jno. E. Stovall, recommended by the quarterly conference of Huntsville Station, Huntsville district; H. M. Vincent, recommended by the quarterly conference of Headville Ct., Calvert district, after passing an approved examination by the committee, were received on trial.

Re-admitted.—Question 5. Who are re-admitted? None.

Local Deacons.—Question 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Geo. E. Clothier, recommended by the quarterly conference of St. John's Station, Galveston district; C. L. Dealy, recommended by the quarterly conference of St. James Station, Galveston district; S. H. Morgan, recommended by the quarterly conference of Elgin Ct., Austin district; Thos. J. Darly, recommended by the quarterly conference of Zion Ct, Huntsville district; James L. Levin, recommended by the quarterly conference of Huntsville Ct, Huntsville district; Henry Watts, recommended by the quarterly conference of Dodge mission, Huntsville district; Wm. H. Brooks, recommended by the quarterly conference of Zion Ct, Huntsville district; W. E. Rush, recommended by the quarterly conference of Jewett Ct, Calvert district; A. M. Eubanks, recommended by the quarterly conference of Fairfield Ct, Calvert district, were elected deacons.

Lewis F. Miller, recommended by the quarterly conference of Manchaca Ct, Austin district, was not elected deacon.

The quarterly conference of Navasota and Anderson Ct, Huntsville district, recommend that the Conference recognize the orders of G. W. Burrow, deacon in the M. E. Church. Said Burrow signified in writing his willingness to subscribe to the doctrines and discipline of the M. E. Church, South, and to assume the ordination vows of a deacon in said church.

After notices, the Conference sang, as lined by the Bishop, a familiar hymn, and was adjourned with the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

December 3, 1886.

Opening.—Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop Key in the chair. Devotional exercises were led by J. G. Johnson. Minutes read and approved.

Peeler Case.—The committee of investigation in the case of Rev.

James Peeler made their report, which was adopted.

Committee reported trial necessary under the charge of improper tempers, words and actions; and presented bill of charges and specifications in due form, and appointed James A. Duncan to prosecute the case.

P. P. Norwood.—The investigating committee in the case of P. P. Norwood reported a trial necessary under the charge of Breach of Ministerial Vows in failing to go to the work assigned him by Bishop McTyeire at the last session of the conference. The following committee of trial was appointed in the foregoing case:

C. C. Armstrong, chairman. W. W. Pinson, J. A. Savage, M. S. Hotchkiss, C. A. Evans, S. C. Vaughan, E. W. Tarrant, J. L. Lemons, G. S. Sandel, S. H. Brown, J. P. Childers. J. H. Chambliss,

Secretary.

Peeler.—The following committee of trial was appointed in the case of James Peeler:

Wm. Shapard, chairman. W. G. Nelms, H. W. Sears, S. N. Barker, C. W. Thomas, F. T. Mitchel, A. L. P. Green, T. F. Dimmitt, W. K. Turner, G. R. Bryce. N. B. Sligh, Secretary.

Colportage.—The following resolution was read and adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the chair whose duty it shall be to prepare a plan for a system of colportage, and report the same at the next session of the conference."

Examination of Character. Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The presiding elder of the Austin district asked that J. W. Whipple be referred to the committee on Conference Relations. I. G. John offered the following resolution, which was adopted, and the name of J. W. Whipple was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation:

Whereas, The time has come when Josiah W. Whipple, one of the pioneers of Texas Methodism, is called to retire from the active to the superannuated relation in the ranks; and

Whereas, The Texas Conference and all Texas Methodism owes to the man who laid the foundation of methodism in these lands, a debt of gratitude, no earthly values can repay; therefore,

Resolved, That brother Whipple bears with him the veneration and love of all the members of the Texas Conference, and his brethren will not forget him and his home, now that he can no longer go in and out among our efficient laborers.

Resolved, That his younger brethren will endeavor to carry on the work he and his old companions so nobly begun, trusting that, when we all cease to answer roll call in the conference room that we will stand near our honored brother when he answers the roll call of heaven.

I. G. JOHN,
J. G. JOHNSON,
O. T. HOTCHKISS,
A. E. GOODWYN.

Conference Relations.—The committee on Conference Relations reported, recommending Wm. Shapard and D. H. Linebaugh, for the supernumerary relation; and T. W. Blake, J. H. Davidson, J. M. Turner, Alex. Hinkle, F. A. McShan, Wesley Smith and N. A. Cravens for the superannuated relation.

On Trial.—Question 2. Who remain on trial?

The names of D. D. Warlick, G. B. Killough, H. M. Haynie, S. P. Brown, Geo. H. Collins, W. F. Brinson, T. J. Lockhart, J. W. Holt, H. T. Hart, were called, their characters passed, and they were continued on trial.

It appearing that G. C. Stovall had not been before the committee of examination, his character passed and he was continued in the class of the first year.

After usual announcements, a hymn was sung and conference adjourned with the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

December 4, 1886.

MORNING BESSION.

Opening.—Conference met at 9 a. m., Bishop J. S. Key in the chair; devotional service led by A. L. P. Green. Minutes of the previous session read and adopted.

Local Deacons.—Question 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? John W. Holt and Z. Minor were elected to deacon's

orders.

Soule College.— Report of the Board of Trustees of Soule College was received and referred without reading to the committee of Education.

Transfers.—Question 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? John M. Armstrong, from the North Georgia.

Examination of Character.—Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The character of W. G. Nelms was passed and he was referred to the committee on conference relations. The character of James M. Wesson was passed, and after touching remarks made by him as he gracefully retired from the itinerant service, his name was referred to the committee on conference relations.

Peeler.—The committee of trial in the case of James Peeler re-

ported as follows:

We, the committee appointed to try the case of Rev. James Peeler, beg leave to report, that, after mature and prayerful hearing of all the evidence offered, we do not believe that the specifications are so proven as to sustain the charge in the sense of an immorality, but that we deem it proper that the accused be admonished before the conference by the Bishop, to be more prudent in his tempers, words and actions

W. SHAPARD, Chairman, N. B. SLIGH, Secretary.

Traveling Elders.—Question 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? F. O. Favor was recommended by the examining committee, his character passed and he was elected to elder's orders. C. M. Keith not having been before the examining committee, was continued in the class of the fourth year. Thos. B. Graves,

already an elder was recommended by the committee and his character passed.

Local Elders.—Question 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Full Connection.— Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection? C. H. Buchanan, Jno. R. Morris, C. R. Wright and Henry Jones, were recommended by the examining committee, their characters passed, and they were admitted into full connection.

It appeared that C. F. Moore had discontinued preaching on the advice of his physician, and his parchments were returned to the conference.

0. A. Dukes.—The character of O. A. Dukes, missionary to Japan, was passed.

Deacons of One Year.— Question 7.—Who are the deacons of one year? E. G. Hocutt was reported on favorably by the examining committee, his character passed, and he was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Home for Orphans.— The Bishop introduced Mrs. K. de Pelchin to the conference, who read a paper relating to a prospective home for the orphans of deceased preachers of the Texas Conference.

On motion of **H**. V. Philpott, the conference resolved to take up collections and in other ways to aid the enterprise of founding and endowing a home for the orphans of deceased methodist preachers in Texas.

After usual announcements, the conference adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.—The Conference met at 3 p. m., Bishop Key in the chair. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. M. Wesson. Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Deacons of One Year.— Question 7. Who are the deacons of one year? C. A. Evans and John E. Green, were reported on favorably by the examining committee, their characters passed, and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year. J. T. Simpson asked for a location, which was granted.

Examination of Character.— Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of E. S. Smith, H. M. DuBose, O. T. Hotchkiss, J. A. Savage, H. B. Scruggs, C. W. Thomas, G. H. Phair and Geo. W. Briggs were called and their characters passed.

Conference Relations.—Committee on Conference Relations made report No. 2, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend C. L. Farrington for Supernumerary relation, and J. G. Johnson, J. W. Whipple, J. M. Wesson and James Peeler for superanuated relation. We recommend that W. G. Nelms be put on the effective list.

Board of Church Extension.—Board of Church Extension presented their report which after being read was adopted. (See Supplement.)

Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension made a report, which was adopted. (See supplement.)

On motion the election of the place of holding the next session of the Conference was made the order of the day for Monday morning immidiately after the reading of the minutes.

On motion the conference adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. to-morrow for the purpose of holding memorial services.

SIXTH DAY.

December 6, 1886.

MORNING SESSION.

(N. B.—Fifth day being Sunday there is no journal for that day.)

Opening.—Conference met at 9 a. m., Bishop Key in the chair.

Religious service conducted by J. W. Whipple.

Minutes were read and adopted.

Local Deacons Ordained. — Question 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Bishop Key announced that he had ordained George E. Clothier, Charles L. Dealy, Samuel H. Morgan, Thomas J. Darby, J. T. Lovin, Henry F. Watts, Emory W. Rush, Augustus M. Eubanks, John W. Holt and Zebulon Minor, assisted by I. G. John and W. Shapard.

Ordination of Traveling Elders.—Question 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

The Bishop announced that on yesterday he had ordained F. O. Favor, C. H. Buchannan, J. R. Morris, elders, assisted by N. A. Cravens, A. E. Goodwyn, H. V. Philpott, C. H. Brooks.

Ordination of Local Elders.—Question 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Bishop Key reported that during the year he had ordained J. P. Skinner.

Place of Holding Next Conference.—The order of the day was announced, viz: The selection of place for holding the next session of the Conference. Houston, LaGrange and Galveston were nominated. Houston was selected.

Deacons of One Year.— Question 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

The character of R. T. Woolsey was passed and he was continued in the class of the fourth year.

P. P. Norwood.—The committee of trial in the case of P. P. Norwood reported as follows:

We find that the evidence sustains the specifications, and the specification sustains the charge, and hereby depose him from the ministry of the M. E. church, South.

C. C. ARMSTRONG, Chairman, J. H. CHAMBLISS, Secretary.

Examination of Character.—Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

W. W. Pinson, M. H. Porter, A. L. P. Green, T. W. Rogers, P. B. Sims, J. L. Murray, C. C. Armstrong, J. A. Duncan, M. S. Hotchkiss, W. W. Graham, A. E. Goodwyn, J. P. Childers, J. R. Dunn, N. F. Law, J. H. Chambliss, G. S. Sandel, E. W. Tarrant, I. G. John, S. N. Barker, J. W. Kelley, J. B. Sears, F. T. Mitchell, J. L. Lemons, J. C. Mickle, J. B. Adair, Seth Ward, T. F. Dimmitt, H. M. Sears, W. K. Turner, G. R. Bryce, S. C. Vaughan, C. R. Shapard and S. C. Littlepage were called and their characters passed.

Reports of Joint Board.— The Joint Board of Finance made their report. B. D. Orgain offered a minority report as a substitute for the majority report. The majority report was adopted. (See supplement.)

Publication of Minutes. — On motion a committee was appointed to devise a plan for the publication of the minutes of this session of the Conference, consisting of G. W. Briggs, H. M. Dubose, C. H. Buchannan and J. N. Brown.

Conference adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 3 p. m. Dr. I. G. John in the chair. Devotional service by Jno. E. Green.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

District Conference Records.—The Committee on District Conference Records read their report and it was adopted. (See Supplement.)

Sunday School Board.—The Sunday School Board read their

report and it was adopted. (See Supplement.)

New S. S. Board.—The Sunday School Board for the next quodrennium announced their organization with the following officers: J. L. Murray, President, S. C. Vaughan, Vice-President, J. E. Bink-

ley, Secretary.

Peport of Board of Missions.—Report of the Board of Missions was presented, whereupon E. S. Smith, president of the board, called upon I. G. John, Missionary Secretary, to address the Conference on the report, which he did in an earnest appeal for the cause. The report was adopted. (See supplement.)

Books and Periodicals.—Committee on Books and Periodicals reported. G. W. Briggs, Editor of the Advocate spoke in the interest of the paper. Report was adopted. (See supplement.)

Temperance.—Committe on Temperance read their report which

was adopted. (See supplement.)

Publishing Minutes.—Committee on Publication of the Minutes read a report recommending that the expense for the publication of the minutes of this eession be borne by the Boards of Missions and Church Extension and that an assessment be levied for next year's minutes, which was not adopted. Other motions were made looking to a plan, all of which failed.

On motion it was ordered that one hundred and fifty dollars be assessed against the Conference and be prorated among the districts and forwarded within thirty days to the editor of the minutes. On

motion the Joint Board of Finance was ordered to apportion the amount among the districts. On further motion the presiding Elders were empowered to apportion the amount assessed in their districts among the several eharges.

Bishop Key took the chair. Conference adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

December 6, 1886.

Conference met at 7:30 p. m. Bishop Key in the chair. Religious service conducted by W. G. Nelms. Minutes of the afternoon session read and approved.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical Report was then read by the Statistical Secretary. (See Tables.)

Historical Society.—The committee on organizing a Historical

Historical Society.—The committee on organizing a Historical Society of the several Texas conferences made their report through Dr. John, which was adopted; and on motion E. S. Smith was chosen to represent the Texas Conference in the Board of Directors, and O. T. Hotchkiss was elected the Corresponding Secretary of the same.

Church Extension.—The new Board of Church Extension announced their organization, as follows: I. Z. T. Morris, Pres., J. C. Mickle, Vice Pres., C. H. Buchanan, Sec'y., R. J. Price, Treasurer.

Woman's Department.—The Board reported that they had organized the woman's department of Church Extension by electing Mrs. S. F. Sears, Conference Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, Conference Treasurer, Mrs. M. Wilson, Secretary of Galveston District. Mrs. B. D. Orgain, Secretary of Austin District, Mrs. E. L. Childers, Secretary of Chappell Hill District, Mrs. Jennie Sears, Secretary of the Calvert District, Mrs. Bettie Barker, Secretary of Huntsville District.

P. P. Norwood.—Bishop Key read the following paper: It appearing that P. P. Norwood, a member of the Texas Conference, against whom charges were preferred, and who was duly tried and deposed from the ministry, has appealed, it is ordered that the appeal be heard at the coming session of the East Texas Conference according to § 108 of the Discipline. Friday, December 17 at 3 p. m. is the date fixed for the committee to meet, and the following persons constitute the committee: Jos. Campbell, chairman, G. A. LeClere, Isaac C. Alexander, B. R. Bolton, L. M. Fowler, U. B. Phillips,

J. F. Archer, W. A. Sampey, W. H. Ardis, J. C. Calhoun. Lacy Boon is Secretary. C. C. Armstrong will represent this Conference. (signed) Jos. S. Key.

Education.—Committee on Education made their report through M. H. Porter. Speeches were made by Dr. Heidt, Regent Southwestern University, and E. W. Tarrant of Chappell Hill; after which report was adopted.

Transfers.—Question 6. Who are received by transfers from other Conferences. Alpheus Mizell from the Missouri Conference.

Missionary.—The Mission Board made their report as matter of nformation.

Joint Board of Finance.—The Bishop announced the Joint Board of Finance. (See Boards and Committees.)

Visiting Committees.—The Bishop then announced the visiting committees. (See Boards and Committees.)

Colportage.—Bishop Key announced the committee to plan a system of colportage. (Names of Committee do not appear.)

Courteous.—Resolutions courteous were adopted.

Minutes were read and approved, a hymn was sung, N. A. Cravens led in prayer, the Bishop addressed the conference, and

Question 35. Where are the preachers stationed this year? was answered as follows:

GALVESTON DISTRICT.

J. F. FOLLIN, PRESIDING ELDER.

Galveston:

St. Johns-J. D. Scott.

St. James—Seth Ward.

West End Mission—To be supplied by George E. Clothier.

Houston:

Shearn Church-D. F. C. Timmons.

Washington Street-John E. Green.

McKee Street—J. L. Hendry.

Cold Springs Station-Gideon Powledge.

Alvin-J. W. Holt.

Cedar Bayou—J. L. Murray.

Richmond and Cleveland-Weems Wootton.

Bolivar Circuit—To be supplied by P. E. Nicholson.

Velasco—J. A. Savage.

Wharton Mission-To be supplied by John McMahan.

San Felipe—C, A. Evans.

Columbia-George H. Phair.

Matagorda-G. H. Collins

G. W. Briggs, Editor of the TEXAS ADVOCATE.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

C. C. ARMSTRONG, PRESIDING ELDER.

Austin, Central Church and City Mission—W. W. Pinson, J. E. Stovall. Wm. Shapard, supernumerary

Merrilltown Mission-To be supplied by H. B. Watts.

Manchaca—H. M. Haynie.

Webberville-M. H. Porter.

Cedar Creek-E. G. Hocutt.

Elgin—F. H. C. Elliott.

Bastrop and Hills Prairie-W, W. Graham.

Winchester-Samuel P. Brown.

West Point—To be supplied by John F. Sullivan.

LaGrange Station-C. H. Buchanan.

Flatonia—John M. Armstrong.

Columbus—S. C. Littlepage.

Weimar-M. S. Hotchkiss.

Eagle Lake—C. W. Thomas.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT.

H. V. PHILLPOTT, PRESIDING ELDER.

Chappell Hill—C. H. Brooks.

Independence Mission—D. D. Warlick.

Brenham—A. E. Goodwyn.

Bellville-J. P. Childers.

Hempstead—George C. Stovall.

Giddings and Burton—T. D. Graves.

Deanville—John R. Dunn.

Caldwell-O. T. Hotchkiss.

Davilla—P. B. Sims.

Rockdale and Pleasant Hill—N. F. Law.

Milano-S. H. Brown.

Cameron-C. R. Wright.

Cameron Circuit-G. S. Sandel.

Maysfield—J. H. Chambliss.

Lexington-G. D. Killough.

Chappell Hill Female College-E. W. Tarrant, President.

O. A. Dukes, Missionary to Japan.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

I. Z. T. MORRIS, PRESIDING ELDER.

Huntsville Station-E. S. Smith.

Huntsville Circuit—To be supplied. C. L. Farrington, supernumerary.

Dodge Circuit— —

Montgomery—To be supplied.

Plantersville and Courtney—J. B. Cochran.

Navasota-J. R. Morris.

Anderson—J. W. Kelley.

Millican and Wellborn-F. O. Favor.

Bryan Station—A. Mizell.

Bryan Circuit—J. L. Lemons.

Iola Gircuit—John W. Faires.

Madisonville—A. L. P. Green.

Bedies Mission-To be supplied by R. L. Brooks.

Willis-F. E. Hammond.

Waverly Mission—S. N. Barker.

Spring Creek Circuit—C. R. Carter.

I. G. John, Missionary Secretary.

CALVERT DISTRICT.

J. B. SEARS, PRESIDING ELDER.

Calvert and Mount Vernon-T. F. Dimmitt.

Hearne Mission—J. C. Mickle.

Bremond Circuit-F. L. Allen.

Kosse Circuit—W. K. Turner.

Marlin-H. M. Sears.

Franklin-W. G. Nelms.

Headville Mission-Henry Jones.

Jewett Circuit—G. R. Bryce.

Centerville-S. C. Vaughan.

Buffalo-Henry M. Vincent.

Fairfield-C. M. Keith.

Oakwoods Mission-To be supplied by W. T. McDonald.

Wilderville Circuit-W. F. Brinson.

Durango Circuit-H. T. Hart.

F. T. Mitchell transferred to Northwest Texas Conference and appointed agent of the Waco Female College.

T. W. Rogers transfered to Northwest Texas Conference and stationed at Lampasas.

C. R. Shapard transferred to Northwest Texas Conference and stationed at Palo Pinto.

J. B. Adair transferred to North Texas Conference and stationed at Cochran and Caruth.

H. M. DuBose transferred to East Texas Conference.

H. B. Scruggs transferred to Mississippi Conference.

On motion H. V. Philpott was elected to fill the place on the Board of Publication made vacant by the transfer of T. W. Rogers. The Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?

F. E. Hammond, John B. Cochran, F. H. C. Elliott, Jno. W. Faires, C. R. Carter, J. L. Hendry, Henry M. Vincent, Jno. E. Stovall—8.

Question 2. Who remain on trial?

D. D. Warlick, G. B. Killough, H. M. Haynie, S. P. Brown, G. H. Collins, W. F. Brinson, G. C. Stovall, T. J. Lockhart, J. W. Holt, H. T. Hart—10.

Question 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection? C. H. Buchanan, J. R. Morris, C. R. Wright, Henry Jones—4

Question 5. Who are re-admitted? None.

Question 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? Weems Wootton, J. D. Scott, D. F. C. Timmons, J. M. Armstrong and A. Mizell—5.

Question 7. Who are the deacons of one year? E. G. Hocutt, C. A. Evans, J. E. Green—3.

Question 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? None.

Question 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Question 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Geo. E. Clothier, Charles L. Dealy, Samuel H. Morgan, E. W. Rush, T. J. Darby, J. L. Levin, H. Watts, A. M. Eubanks, W. H. Brooks, J. W. Holt, Z. Minor—11.

Question II. What local preachers are ordained deacons? G. E. Clothier, C. L. Dealy, S. H. Morgan, T. J. Darby, J. T. Levin, H. F. Watts, E. W. Rush, A. M. Eubanks, J. W. Holt, Z. Minor—10.

Question 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? F. O. Favor, C. H. Buchanan, J. R. Morris—3.

Question 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? F. O. Favor, C. H. Buchanan, J. R. Morris—3.

Question 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None. Question 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? J. P. Skinner—1.

Question 16. Who are located this year? J. T. Simpson, R. T. Woolsey—2.

Question 17. Who are supernumerary? C. L. Farrington, Wm. Shapard, D. H. Linebaugh—3.

Question 18. Who are superannuated? J. G. Johnson, J. W. Whipple, J. M. Wesson, N. A. Cravens, J. Peeler, Wesley Smith, T. W. Blake, J. M. Turner, J. H. Davidson, A. Hinkle, F. A. McShan—11.

Question 19. What preachers have died during the year? Jacob Mathews, Jno. M. Whipple, B. F. Johnson, F. M. McCurdy—4.

Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The names of the preachers were called and their characters passed, except P. P. Norwood.

Question 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions? 14071.

Question 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 779.

Question 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 848.

Question 24. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 138.

Question 25. What is the number of Sunday School teachers? 984.

Question 26. What is the number of Sunday School Scholars? 7620.

Question 27. What amount is necessary for the superanuated preachers and widows and orphans of deceased preachers? \$2357.40.

Question 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied? (See report of Joint Board.) \$2262.10.

Question 29. What has been contributed for Missions? \$3840.60.

Question 30. What has been contributed for church Extension, \$689.15.

Question 31. What is the number and what the estimated value of church edifices? No. 129, Value, \$251,923.00.

Questian 32. What is the number and what the estimated value of parsonages? No. 51, Value \$45,299.07.

Question 33. What are the educational statistics? Money reported \$280.90.

Question 34. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? At Houston.

Question 35. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See Appointments.)

SUPPLEMENT.

MEMOIRS.

REV. JACOB MATTHEWS.

READ BY REV. J. M. WESSON.

Rev. Jacob Matthews, son of John and Lydia Matthews, was born in Pendleton District, S. C., October 11th, 1808; died in Chappell Hill, Texas, February 20th, 1886, aged 77 years and four months.

His parents removed to Green county, Alabama, while he was quite young. In the days of his youth he remembered his Creator; was convinced of sin; and sought the pardoning mercy of God. Soon, he was happily converted, and, not long thereafter, felt that a dispensation of the gospel was committed to him; that he was called of God to proclaim to others that salvation of which he had been made the happy participant. Educational advantages were few in that, then, new country. The youth hesitated. "Who is sufficient for these things?" he anxiously asked, and was not prepared then to reply in the confident language of St. Paul, "our sufficiency is of God." That, to him, was an after experience. At length, after much prayer and counsel with Christian friends, he yielded; was licensed to preach, and recommended to the Mississippi Conference in 1829. He was received and appointed to Subsequently, he travelled Tuscaloosa, Cedar Creek circuit. Pickens, Monticello and Autagua circuits.

For a time, he was a missionary to the Choctaw Indians, preaching to the red men the unsearchable riches of Christ. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop Soule in 1832, and an elder by Bishop Andrews in 1834.

On the 10th of March, 1836, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann May, with whom he lived in domestic felicty 21 years. Eight children were born to them, all of whom lived to adult years, and five still survive.

In 1858 he was married to Miss Eliza Woods, of Jackson, La., who well performed a mother's part to his children, and blessed another twenty years of his life.

After his first marriage, he was local for several years, but not inactive; Winston, Noxuby, Octibaha, Kempner and other counties shared his labors. Having ample pecuniary resources, he was enabled to make full proof of his ministry in the local relation, and many new churches were organized by him. His children needing better educational facilities than that country afforded, he removed to Sharon, Miss., then the educational centre of the Mississippi Conference. He again entered the itinerancy and was appointed Presiding Elder of Sharon District. In educational matters he felt a special interest and was ever active. As agent and trustee, he aided in the erection of a new building for the Female College, and took an active part in the founding of a Male College. In the fall of 1859 he removed to Texas, purchased a plantation near Chappell Hill and became a member of the Texas Conference. In 1860-61 he served the Bellville Circuit. At the close of that year declining health caused him to take a supernumerary relation, which he ever after held. Here, as in Mississippi, the cause of Christian education found in him a fast and zealous friend. He became a co-worker with Judge Gabriel Felder, Col. Wm. M. Browning and others in building up an institution at Chappel Hill. As his health permitted he continued to preach until called from labor to reward. He left no dying testimony, but none was needed. His house was in order; temporal affairs arranged; his peace long since made with God, and with him all was well.

To die was eternal gain.

REV. JNO. M. WHIPPLE.

READ BY REV. I. G. JOHN.

John M. Whipple, son of Angel and Celinda Whipple, was born in Saybrook, Ohio, in the year 1826.

He was raised in a religious home, and bore out into the world the deep impressions made by the prayers and counsels of a devout

The influence of her instruction was manifest in the orderly life of her son, and his deep sense of moral responsibility, even when wandering under the shadows of unbelief. The writer of this memoir first met him in 1853. He was at that time in deep despondency and doubt. Possessed of a strong intellect, profoundly sincere in his convictions, he was pondering the problem of life and seeking by the light of reason to solve its mysteries. Very frankly he confided to his pastor the mental and spiritual conflicts through which he was passing. He realized the issue to be one of tremendous import. He was seeking after God, if haply he might find him, and felt if he failed in that quest, life was a desert and the future a cloudless night. Our Savior never slighted an outstretched hand, nor permitted an earnest soul to plead for help in vain. After months of study and prayer, with his convictions growing deeper as his soul drew nearer the light, the shadows of doubt disappeared and he was able to accept God as his Father, Christ as his Savior and from that hour walked in the sunshine of redeeming grace. Accepting Christ, he did not confer with flesh and blood. He united with the Methodist E. Church South, in 1853. He soon felt called to preach. After serving the church for a time as a local preacher, he was admitted into the traveling connection in 1859. After laboring several years, owing to failing health, he located and devoted himself to teaching, a vocation for which he was eminently fitted. He was a conscientious teacher. Life was to him a business of serious import, and in the school-room as in the pulpit he impressed his profound convictions on all who came within his influence. His heart, however, was in the work of the ministry, and he applied for re-admission. His brethren welcomed him back, but his feeble health and modest estimate of his own fitness for the itinerant work, caused him to retire to a supernumerary relation, in which he closed his earthly career.

Death found him in the midst of his family, near Elgin. Its approach was slow. For months the wasting hand of consumption undermined his strength and brought him nearer to that solemn hour, for which he had been preparing from the day he first found the Savior. He was a man of clear intellect and strong will, but death was stronger than the man; but the grace of God was with him in the last conflict. His last hours were spent in commending

his loved ones to his Father's care and exhorting his neighbors to prepare for eternity. We are unable to give the exact date of his death; but we are sure that he died in the faith leaning upon God.

REV. B. F. JOHNSON.

READ BY J. P. CHILDERS.

Rev. B. F. Johnson was born in Dooly county, Georgia, September 25, 1852. His father moved from there to Coffee county, Ala-Brother Johnson was converted at Zoar Church in bama, in 1862. 1869. He soon felt he was called of God to preach the Gospel, though he was little prepared in point of education; yet he conferred not with flesh and blood, but went forth using all diligence to prepare himself for a useful labor in the vineyard of the Master-He came to Texas in 1874, and settled near Willis in Montgomery county. During the years of 1875, '76 and '77, he was active, preaching as a local preacher. He had no means, so he walked to his appointments, some of them 15 miles distant; large congregatious gathered to hear the preaching of the word, and God made it the power in the salvation of many. He was admitted on trial in the Texas Conference at Austin, December, 1879, and was appointed to Dodge Mission, a work which he had supplied in 1878. At the Conference held at Brenham, in 1880, he was returned to Dodge Mission. This was a poor country with seven appointments. Brother Johnson met all of his appointments punctually, often stopping through the week chopping ties for the railroad, to buy provisions for his afflicted wife and children. At the Conference at Houston he was appointed by Bishop Keener, to Matagorda Mission. Not knowing how he could get there, having neither money nor horse and his wife sick. He said to me, if he could get there he was going. We made him up a few dollars and some provisions for his wife and children, borrowed him a pony, and he went as far as San Felipe, the home of brother Rodgers, his Presiding Elder, who gave him Valasco circuit, which he served in 1882. At the Conference at Bryan, he was appointed by Bishop Parker to Fifth Ward, Houston, and served that charge in 1883. At the Conference at Flatonia, he was again appointed by Bishop Parker to Spring Creek Mission. In that year, 1884, sister Johnson died at Houston, leaving three little boys, the youngest seven years old, the eldest 12 years of age. This sad occurrence did not deter him from the Master's work; he placed his children at the Baylor Orphans' Home, at which place they remained in 1884 and 1885. At the Conference at Galveston, he was reappointed by Bishop McTyeire to Spring Creek Mission, which he served in 1885. At Austin, December, 1885, he was appointee by Bishop McTyeire to Lexington circuit; receiving but \$30 for his year's labors from the church in 1885, he was unable to attend the Conference, but immediately after conference, he went to his new appointed field and entered his work cheerfully. On the 26th of January, 1886, in Lee county, God said to his servant, "It is enough and took him from labor to reward, in his 34th year. I was intimately acquainted with brother Johnson and all through these years he never murmured about his works, but pursued his Master's work with zeal.

REV. F. M. MCCURDY.

The subject of this memoir, Rev. Francis M. McCurdy, at the time of his death, was a member of the Texas Conference, having been elected a delegate at the last session of the Huntsville District Conference.

He was born on the 21st of April, 1813, on the Cumberland river, in the state of Tennessee. When a boy his father moved with him to Georgia, where he lived until 1865, then he came to Texas, living in various parts of the state until his death, which occurred at Willis, September 24th, 1886. Early in his religious life he felt called of God to preach and was duly licensed, at what date we do not know, as in moving from Georgia to Texas during the war his library was lost together with his official papers. He occupied many positions of public trust.

In the church he has been steward, class leader and preacher in charge. The last two years of his life he was in charge of Pleasant Grove Mission, having been placed there by his Presiding Elder, H. V. Philpott, and afterwards as supply by Bishop McTyeire.

REPORTS ADOPTED.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

For four years we have been engaged in the work of Church Extension. This enterprise is no longer an experiment, but has grown to almost astonishing proportions. In its practical operations its success has gone beyond the expectations of its most ardent advocates and has surprised those who were timorous or doubtful as to its benefits. Those who understand it best are its warmest friends and any opposition to this powerful arm of church work arises, we think, from a failure to understand it thoroughly. We respectfully, but earnestly, insist upon our preachers reading more, talking more and preaching more about Church Extension.

Since the organization of this work in November, 1882, up to the last of March, '86—a little more than three years of active work—the General Board and Conference Boards have helped to build five hundred and twenty-five churches. This board since its organization, has aided sixteen churches, appropriating to them the sum of \$1,110. We have collected, during the quadrennium, \$2,363.95, of this amount \$1,130.36 have been sent to Rev. D. Morton, Secretary of General Board, including \$345 sent from this Conference.

During this year we have helped the following churches:

Macy Church, Bryan Circuit\$100.00
Zion Church, in Grimes county 50.00
Church at Sealy, Austin county 100.00
Church at Bellville, " " 100.00
Roan's Prairie Church, Grimes county 100.00
Manor's Church, Travis county, wrecked in a storm 50.00
To Pine Grove Church, Montgomery county 30.00
Porter's Prairie Church, Burleson county 50.00
To New Hope Church, Grimes county 50.00
Total of nine churches aided to the amount of\$630.00

Assessments for Church Extension for ensuing year, \$1,100, apportioned as follows:

Galveston District	240.00
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Calvert District	140.00
TREASURER'S REPORT.	
Debit.	
To amount on hand as per report to last Conference \$	326.20
To cash collected from J. M. Lawson for last year	5.00
	685.00
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Credit.	
By cash due me per last report\$ 7.16	
" amount due and paid parent board 345.00	
" cash paid Macy Church (draft) 100.00	
" for Conference minutes for 1885 15.00	
" draft to J. H. Ferguson 100.00	
" " " J. C. Mickle 50.00	
" " C. C. Frank Law 100.00	
" to Fielding Montgomery 100.00	
" " J. J. Parsley (Manor Texas) 50.00	
" " Wm. F. Compton (Yeagua) 50.00	
" " J. W. Jones 50.00	
" " W. B. Lewis (Mink Texas) 30.00	
" " paid for minutes for 1886 15.00\$1,	012.36
Cash balance to debit	\$3.84
Respectfully submitted,	
R. J. PRICE, Treasurer.	
JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.	
We, the Joint Board of Finance, beg leave to make our	report
as follows:	
Amount assessed equal to 7 per cent of salary received by the preachers\$2	TT4 70
Received from Preacher's Aid Board	TAT 40
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Total\$2	262.10

Which we have disbursed as follows:	
Mrs. Wooldridge	
Rev. J. M. Turner 169	50
Mrs. Fisher 22	35
" Stacy 22	85
H. G. Carden's child 45	70
N. A. Cravens 244	. 50
Mrs. Whitworth 80) Io
" Kerr 160	50
F. A. McShan 113	00
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" U. C. Spencer 172	50
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Dr. Miller's child	IO
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" Mary White 91	50
" Alexander 23	30
Wesley Smith	00
Mrs. C. N. Maguire 45	60
"Windsor	55
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A. Hinkle	00
Received from Calvin Fund\$16	50
which we have distributed as follows:	50
Paid Mrs. Wooldrige\$1	
" Fisher	35
" "Stacy" " H. G. Carden's child	35
"Mrs Whitworth	70
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" Miss Women's	10
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	Total	\$16	50
Collected for Bishop		.\$305 85	
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	it be apportioned as follows		
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Austin District		90	00
Huntsvilse Districa		60	00
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	Total	\$365	0

We also recommend that the assessment for the Conference Fund shall be equal to 8 per cent. of salaries of the preachers as reported collected.

Whereas a question of financial authority comes from the Austin District before the Board of Finance in which a Circuit Board of Stewards changed the assessments made by the District Stewards for the P. E. and whereas it is a well established law in our economy that the District Stewards shall assess the claim of the P. E. within the bounds of his District and that their assessment shall be final:

Therefore, this Board hereby expresses its unqualified disapproval of any such action on the part of any local Board of Stewards and furthermore we regard such action as unjust and very injurious to both the financial and religious prosperity of the Church.

Jas. A. Duncan, Chairman.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your Committee on District Conference Records report as follows:

Galveston District, neatly and correctly kcpt; Chappell Hill District; very well kept and seems to be correct, but some exceptions might be made to the composition; Austin District, neatly and

correctly kept, with marginal references and full appendix; Huntsville District, very good, although there are a few inaccuracies in the use of capital letters and punctuation points; Calvert District, a model of neatness and correctness, and a credit to the Secretary. O. T. HOTCHKISS, Chairman.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Beloved Brethren:—Your Board desire to return thanks to our Heavenly Father, for the progress the Sunday School work is making in the bounds of our Conference. Our children are our most precious trust, committed to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. "Feed My Lambs" is the command of our Saviour. And we do not wish them to be allowed to grow up in ignorance or indifference to our Holy Religion, but rather "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We do not claim that even the best Sunday School, can supply the place of the family altar or the parental instruction of the children in the Christian Religion. But how few children receive any religious instruction, where the Sunday School is unknown. We trust that every preacher in our Conference will endeavor to organize a Sunday School where "ten persons can be collected for the purpose."

We would also recommend the Presiding Elders to hold special meetings for the children during the session of their quarterly meetings. We also state that we are perfectly satisfied with our own literature and earnestly recommend its use to the exclusion of all other, it being in our judgment the best published.

We are pleased to notice that our preachers are identifying the children with the missionary cause and that they call upon them to assist in raising their various collections.

We find that in twenty-three charges, the children have raised five hundred and forty-five dollars and twenty cents for missions, besides expending two thousand six hundred and ten dollars and eighty-five cents for literature and other necessaries for Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. PHAIR, for the Board.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Bishop and Members of the Annual Conference:

There is constant and pressing demands for enlarged and more intelligent work towards the enlightenment and salvation of the whole world, He that said: Go ye into all the world and preach My gospel, has never countermanded the order. This work is pressing more closely the conscience of the Church than ever before in the history of Christian missions.

The missionary operations of the Church is not a divided work. It is one great effort to evangelize and save the whole world. Domestic and Foreign Work are only two in name. It is one in fact. In the mirror of modern missions, and the wonderful progress of the 19th century, every enlightened Christian man may gaze upon the face of the world and see the family likeness of universal kinship in Christ. And no Christian man or woman should make the distinction in their heart of home or foreign, whether he gives to the heathen at his door or the brother in the wilds of Africa or the jungles of India. Our ideas of foreign missions must so enlarge as to compass the fulness of our Lord's command to teach all nations; and then so contract as to bring the whole world home to the heart of the Church. What we do for the world at large we do for ourselves individually and by as much as we contribute to the individual elevation of one soul by so much do we advance the religious progress of the world.

The great need of the Church and the world is an enlightened conscience upon the great work of Christian missions. And we very urgently call the attention of our preachers to the means at hand for disseminating missionary information. The Advocate of Missions is published for this purpose, and should be in the hands of all our preachers and every Methodist family in the entire land; and we hope that Dr. John will meet with great encouragement in subscriptions from the Texas Conference.

The Publishing House at Nashville has publications on missions which it would gladly have the opportunity of making arrangements on favorable terms for distribution throughout the entire land. These books and tracts are worth nothing only as they are

distributed and read. We urge upon our preachers and people to use lavishly these means of Methodist missionary grace.

We offer the following resolution for your adoption:

Resolved, That we as members of the Texas Conference pledge ourselves to secure at least three subscribers each to the Advocate of Missions and urge upon our people the great importance of buying our missionary literature.

We recommend our preachers to enlist the co-operation of Sunday Schools and Sunday School workers, and refer them to Article 6th of Missionary Constitution.

Measures have been adopted by the Board, looking to the holding of anniversary missionary meetings at district conferences.

The following resolution was adopted by the Conference Board, to-wit:

Resolved, That the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this Board be constituted an executive committee, and they are hereby required to formulate a programme for missionary anniversaries, to be held at some time during the session of each district conference in the Texas Conference; and that the Secretary of this Board be required to attend each of these meetings, and in case of his absence, to appoint some one to represent this work and do whatever else may be necessary to keep the subject of missions before our people.

We offer for adoption by the Conference, the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we will make our best endeavors to raise our missionary collections by the 6th of March, 1887 and forward the same to Conference Treasurer immediately.

2. Resolved, That we will make our best endeavors by the help of God to double our collections for foreign work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. SMITH, J. L. MURRAY.

COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your committee to whom was referred this interest of the conference beg leave to submit the following as their report:

We rejoice with all Texas Methodism in the success of our Texas Christian Advocate. We are pleased to note the valuable improvements in the paper during the past year, and the success of the editorial management. The paper on which it is now printed is of the first class — strong, white and good. There is more space for reading matter than ever before. The make-up of the paper is so systematized that in every issue there is a place for everything and everything in its place. To retain these improvements and to go on to perfection, it is necessary to add several thousand names to the subscription list. The other conferences have resolved to do this and we must not be behind, and in view of this, we offer this resolution, Resolved: That we will do all in our power to double the subscription list to the "Texas Christian Advocate in the next four or five months."

The Publishing House at Nashville:

So far as this interest of our church is concerned, your committee deem it sufficient to call the attention of the members of this conference to the fact that it is the duty of every preacher "to see that all the people within the bounds of his charge be duly supplied with our books and periodicals" (See Discipline, page 80.) We regret that this duty is so often neglected by our preachers. Our House is publishing books and papers sufficient to supply the demands of our church, and if the preachers would canvass among the people, and urge them to buy, we believe that more of our books would be bought and read.

Your committee rejoice at the evidence of success received from the Publishing House, and the promise of the final deliverance of the institution from the thraldom of debt; and in order to its increased success, we urge upon all the preachers increased efforts in the circulations of the books and periodicals from our Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn. The "Nashville Advocate," is the general conference organ of our church and this fact should recommend it to all of our people throughout the connection. It is full of able editorials and valuable communications and is worthy to be in every methodist household and has a great work in preserving the connectional unity of our church.

Your committee would call especial attention to the publication of the quarterly review at our publishing house. It is certainly doing a much needed work and filling a place that no other period-

ical will fill, and as it is now on its trial trip, we urge all of our preachers to give it as wide a circulation as possible.

Finaly, your committee would recommend that all our preachers supply themselves with cheap periodicals from the publishing house, such as "Theological Grub-Axe," "Furnace", "Theological Pump," "Why I am a Christian" and many other small tracts and scatter them broad-cast over our conference, and we believe the the result would be the building up of our people in the doctrines of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. SEARS, Chairman.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee on Bible Cause respectfully submit this report: No good man will deny the necessity of circulating the word of God. As to methods they may differ.

Standing in the valley of the dry bones of dead resolutions and in the fellowship of this shame beg still to stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance. That this obligation is right in our path of duty, as ministers of the Holy Word of God. It cannot be limited by Sects, Sections or Trade: But as wise men we may adopt that way which is surest and in the American Bible Society, we think we have that institution. Seventy years in successful operation and still enjoying the favor of God and men, we may with devout thanks to the Giver of every good gift religiously commend it to the church we love, and heartily and earnestty labor in harmony with its helpers.

We note with sorrow that the Society's usefulness has been interrupted by falling off in contributions, and that they express the fear that unless those who love the Bible and whom God has prospered are more liberal in their gifts the operations of the Society will ere long be greatly reduced. And, from figures given us by the District Superintendents of Texas, the total cash receipts from all sources in this great State for the year 1886 was \$234.11. That they employed 20 colporteurs, distributed 11,084 copies valued at \$4,747.05 and received from churches and individuals \$234.11 and this amount would not cover the freight, which was \$281.90, and that in $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of the fourth general supply they have spent

\$28,163.96 to supply our destitute of the State with Bibles. Then what must we do? Resolve, no, let us resolve not to resolve. But determine to open our eyes and survey the field unstop our ears and heed the warning, let's grasp the outstretched hand that reaches out to aid us at home and in the foreign fields. By co-operating heartily with the agent, by enlisting the interest and securing money for this most important work.

Respectfully submitted

P. B. SIMS, for Committee.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN—The committee to which was referred the proposal to organize a "Methodist Historical Society," would re-

spectfully report:

The end contemplated by such a Society is of importance to Texas Methodism. The men who pioneered the pathway of the Gospel in this great Southwestern field are passing away; the records of the work they wrought are disappearing, and the lessons that may be learned from the story of their consecrated toil will be lost, unless preserved by the grateful care of those who follow in their footsteps and share the benefits of their labors. The plan to organize a "Historical Society," with provisions for the collection and preservation of records relating to the organization and development of the societies, churches and conferences, and of the lives and labors of the men chosen of God for this work, we accept as a wise suggestion and commend it to the approval of the Conference.

This action was taken by an informal meeting of curators, trustees, visiting committee and faculty of the Southwestern University, held in Georgetown, June 8, 1886. A committee representing each of the Texas Conferences was appointed, which prepared the following Constitution of the Texas Methodist Historical Society:

Name.—This society shall be called the Texas Methodist Historical Society; its location, Georgetown, Texas.

Objects.—The purposes of this association shall be to collect materials bearing upon the history and progress of Methodism in Texas, especially as connected with the M. E. Church, South: such

as relate to the organization of societies; the building of churches, parsonages, and institutions of learning; biographical sketches of leading ministers and laymen; accounts of gracious revivals, wonderful conversions, etc., etc.; also the collection of photographs of ministers and others, and of churches and school bnildings; also the collection not only of manuscripts and minutes of conferences, but also of pamphlets, books, etc., bearing on the history of Methodism in general, and of Texas Methodism in particular.

Officers.—There shall be a president and vice-president, whose duties shall be such as usually pertain to these offices. There shall be a resident secretary at Georgetown, who shall keep the records of the society and conduct its correspondence, and who shall be the custodian of all its records, manuscripts, books, photographs, etc. He shall keep these properly labeled. There shall also be a corresponding secretary for each annual conference, whose duty it shall be to collect all available information bearing upon the history and progress of our church in their respective conferences, and shall transmit copies of the same to the parent society at Georgetown.

Executive Committee.—The president, vice-president, and one member selected from each annual conference, shall constitute an Executive Committee. This committee shall hold its regular meetings annually, at Georgetown, at some time during the Commencement week of the Southwestern University; and shall have authority to adopt any measures they may deem necessary for promoting the objects of the association. Five members shall at any time constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That we approve the organization of a "Methodist Historical Society," embracing all the Texas conferences and those which may be the outgrowth of Texas Methodism.

Resolved 2. That we accept and adopt the above constitution for the government of said Society.

Resolved 3. That E. S. Smith be selected to represent the Texas Conference in the Executive Committee provided for in the Constitution.

Resolved 4. That O. T. Hotchkiss be selected as the corresponding secretary to collect information bearing on the history

and progress of the Texas Conference, and the biography and work of its members for the use of said Society.

Respectfully submitted,

I. G. JOHN,
WESLEY SMITH,
I. Z. T. MORRIS,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

Believing that Intemperance is an unmitigated evil; that the traffic in intoxicants which feeds and fosters this evil is an inexcusable sin; the license system which protects and encourages the ungodly trnffic is a political crime, whether the license be high or low; and that the only intelligent and righteous as well as the only effectual remedy is the legal suppression of the traffic, therefore

Resolved, First: that we will seek to promote in evere possible way the practice of Temperance among the people, and use every means at our command to promote intelligence and awaken interest on all phases of the temperance question.

Second, that we heartily endorse the course of our "Texas Advocate" on this question, as courageous, wise and judtcious.

Third, that we recognize and rejoice in the work of the "Woman's Chrisiian Temperance Union" in creating a strong Temperance sentiment and arousing the conscience of the nation, and we will in all legitimate ways co-operate with our sisters in their heroic work.

Fourth, that we favor all legislation looking to the suppression of the liquor traffic and will use every righteous means in the reach of a christian citizen to secure legal prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

W. W. Pinson, Chnirman. T. W. Rogers, Secretary.

EDUCATION..

SOULE COLLEGE.

We learn from the report of the President and Secretary of Soule College, submitted to our Board, that while said institution has not gained in the number of students over last session, it has lost nothing in that respect, but holds the ground already gained—sixty-six students having been enrolled during the year. The building is valued at \$30,000. There are about 750 volumes in library, which has been increased by the Reports of the Commissioner of Education—the published volumes of the 10th census of the United States, and other public documents of value. 100 volumes donated by Rev. Jacob Matthews. A high standard of Christian education is maintained, and a moral influence extended over the students. The College is under the supervision of J. M. McNeely, President, who has been elected for a term of five years.

CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.

This institution, we learn, is in a prosperous condition, having 95 students upon its rolls, and is under the presidency of Rev. E. W. Tarrant, a popular and efficient educator, assisted by a competent corps of instructors. Thirty-seven per cent of the students are church members. This speaks for the high Christian character of the teachers who impart instruction therein. We are assured that it is a good school and worthy the patronage of the church, which it solicits. The school is recommended to the church for patronage and support. It is requested by the Board of Trustees, and it is hereby recommended that Rev. E. W. Tarrant be appointed President and that M. M. Felder, J. M. Nicholson, Rev. J. F. Follin, Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, Rev. J. P. Childers, O. L. Williams, Thos. Smith, E. W. Tarrant, H. C. Brandt, J. E. Rout, Rev. C. H. Brooks, Rev. J. B. Sears and H. Hudgins, be elected trustees of said College.

Soule College asks, and we recommend that H. C. Brandt, R. B. Johnson, J. W. Thompson, R. R. Felder, W. H. Campbell, R. P. Buckingham, T. H. Mercer, O. L. Williams, J. M. Nicholson, Hon. W. H. Burkhart, Hon. W. H. Jackson, H. M. DuBose, I. Z. T. Morris and J. M. Brown, be elected trustees.

Your committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Conference recommends the Board of Trustees of each Church, School of high grade within the bounds of this Conference, appoint a representative to meet representatives of other Church Schools of other Conferences within this State, together with the Board of Curators of Southwestern University at

Georgetown, during the next ensuing Commencement in June, or at such other time as may be most convenient for all parties concerned, for the purpose of devising a plan of correlation of all the Schools with the University as was provided by the Convention which established the University.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The report of the Board of Curators of Southwestern University at Georgetown, shows that great Central Texas School in a greater degree of prosperity than it ever has reached before, having matriculated up to this date about 50 per cent increase beyond any former year of its existence, there being now 340 students in the two schools—University proper and the Ladies' Annex.

The School has never had such harmony, good order and prosperity. We acknowledge with profound feelings of gratitude the liberality of a member of our Church, in the gift of \$3,000, with which to erect a helping hall for boarding purposes, of young preachers and other worthy young men. A beautiful helping hall has been erected and is now in successful operation, and will ever be a monument of the Christian benevolence of the kind donor. The success of this matter shows the necessity for another hall for similar purposes, for the rooms are all full, and it is confidently believed that when the large building is erected for the Ladies Annex and suitable boarding houses provided, 1000 students might soon Such is the moral and religious influence be found at Georgetown. there, that about 80 per cent of the students are religious, and such is the good discipline that not even a demerit has been given up to date.

We deem the church fortunate in the selection of Dr. J. W. Heidt, Regent and J. H. McLean, Vice-Regent, with special control of the Ladies Annex; and furthermore, the institution is certainly fortunate in having an entire Faculty of religious persons for teachers. So the fountain is pure. We recommend that one hundred dollars be assessed upon each District for Education, and that one-third be given to Chappell Hill Female School, and two-thirds to Southwestern University.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. FOLLIN, President.

STATISTICAL TABLE.—GALVESTON DISTRICT.

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St. John's. St. James. West End Mission. Shearn Church. Washington Street. McKee Street. Alvin Circuit. Columbia Circuit. Richmond Station. Cedar Bayou Circuit Bolivar Mission. Velasco Circuit Wharton Circuit. San Felipe. Eagle Lake Mission. Matagorda Circuit.	240 50 40 50 80 75 75 35 75 40	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	100 20 240 50 49 70 45 75 31 50 38 75 48	00 00 00 00 20 00 55 00 70 70	1200 600 600 370 600 500 400 240 500 360 600	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	264	00 00 32 65 00 75 19 80 00 85 00	6 14 2 2 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	55 95 35 95 45 45 45 95	3 00 2 50 3 00 4 70 4 45 1 00 2 05 2 00 2 35 4 45 3 00	82 42 42 25 35 15 28 16 21 25 42 18		37 82 43 25 35 15 14 13 8 17 42 20	55	183 38 30 38 61 57 57 28 57 30 57 38	00 30 65 30 45 45 65 45 65 45	183 25 31 20 35 40 11 4 10 30 73 38	00 00 00 00 00 40 00 65 60 50	65 13 10 13 21 20 20 20 10 20 13	00 5586 58 20 25 55 55 55	65 12 10 13 17 12 4 6 10	65 00 90 55 75 90 00 85 25 00	48 10 8 10 16 15 15 15	00 0.0 00 00	10 48 10 9 8 7 10 3 5 8 15	00 05 00 50 00 00 00	41 22 147 3 4 5 10 233 2 4	40 70 40 50 10
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FINANCIAL TABLE.—AUSTIN DISTRICT.

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	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Paid
Austin Station Austin City Mission Austin Mission Manchaca Webberville Circuit Cedar Creek Circuit Elgin Circuit Bastrop and Hill's Prairie Winchester Circuit West Point Circuit LaGrange Station Flatonia Station Columbus Weimar and Osage	40 00 40 00 100 00 60 00 70 00 90 00 50 00 80 00 125 00 100 00	40 00 28 15 61 00 33 30 37 35 90 00 20 20 25 50 125 00 100 00 92 70	125 00 275 00 525 00 450 00 550 00 700 00 280 00 720 00 900 00 600 00	135 00 230 00 390 00 360 00 310 00 700 00 112 80 807 60 900 00 650 00 649 80	3 00 3 00 6 00 4 00 5 00 4 00 8 00 6 00 6 00 6 00	2 70 3 00 2 00 2 50 5 00 5 00 6 00 6 00 6 00	36 75 31 50 30 10 49 00 7 89 50 40 63 00 42 00 49 00	30 00 5 25 60 00 49 00 0 24 00 0 63 75 42 00 40 00	40 00 40 00 85 00 40 00 50 00 50 00 40 00 90 00 75 00 75 00	26 00 6 00 10 00 6 00 6 00 18 00 65 00 80 00 40 00	30 00 30 00 30 00 20 00 25 00 25 00 35 00 30 00 25 00	17 50 6 00 15 00 8 25 25 00 10 00 35 00 40 00 15 00	8 00 5 00 20 00 15 00 15 00 20 00 20 00 17 00	2 00 5 00 30 00 5 00 5 00	6 00 5 00 6 00 6 00 2 50 11 00

FINANCIAL TABLE.—CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT.

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· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Paid
Chappell Hill Station Independence Mission Brenham Station Bellville Circuit Hempstead and Courtney Burton Circuit. Deanville Circuit. Giddings Circuit. Cameron Station. Cameron Circuit. Caldwell Circuit. Davilla Circuit. Rockdale Circuit. Milano Circuit. Lexington Circuit. Maysfield Circuit.	120 00 60 00 155 00 60 00 80 00 70 00 45 00 75 00 95 00 100 00 100 00 40 00 90 00	10 00 116 25 45 65 40 50 40 75 55 00 38 20	600 00 500 00 400 00 500 00 450 00 550 00 650 00 288 00	158 00 1000 00 456 35 490 60 282 20 340 00 424 50 500 00 328 00 400 00 369 00 565 00 352 70	2 00 10 00 3 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 6 00 2 50 2 50 2 50	10 00 3 00 3 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 5 00	24 50 70 00 31 95 34 05 35 00 25 00 35 00 31 50 28 50 25 00	81 25 31 95 29 05 20 00 25 00 35 00 29 50 28 00 16 00 28 05 16 00	10 00 160 00 35 00 65 00 70 00 30 00 60 00 40 00 75 00 75 00 50 00	5 00 160 00 20 00 5 25 32 65 30 00 60 00 31 30 70 00 33 50 10 00 20 00 7 00	10 00 40 00 10 00 25 00 20 00 30 00 15 00 15 00 25 00 25 00 25 00 15 00	3 00 40 00 10 00 3 25 12 35 15 00 15 00 15 35 25 00	35 00 15 00 15 00 15 00 10 00 15 00 15 00 20 00 15 00	35 00 15 00 10 25 10 00 15 00 9 55 5 00 4 00	5 00 55 00 84 50 3 00 6 00 8 00
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FINANCIAL TABLE.—HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Presi Elo	ding ler.	Preacl Cha		Bish	ops.	Confe Clain	erence nants.	Fore Miss		Dom Missi		Chu Exter		Other Ob- jects.
* ***	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Paid
Huntsville Station Huntsville Circuit Dodge Mission Cold Springs Circuit Willis Station Spring Creek Mission Plantersville Circuit Navasota and Anderson Millican and Wellborn Bryan Station Bryan Circuit Zion Circuit Prairie Plains Madisonville	20 00 75 00 70 00 75 00 160 00 50 00 75 00	41 10 14 20 57 35 70 00 6 50 53 00 55 45 65 00 160 00 43 87 65 90 21 00	400 00 365 00 300 00 400 00 325 00 1000 00 400 00 300 00 270 00	203 90 118 75 302 00 336 55 110 00 280 00 440 45 288 00 1000 00 351 00 263 35 206 00	3 00 1 25 5 00 3 75 3 00 5 00 3 50 5 00 2 50	3 00 1 25 5 00 4 00 2 00 5 00 3 75 10 00 3 50 5 00 2 50	13 85 28 00 23 45 8 00 42 00 22 75 70 00 27 00 21 00	13 85 21 20 23 45 20 00 30 80 20 16 70 00 21 00 14 50	45 00 40 00 30 00 40 00 40 00 30 00 100 00 50 00 20 00	8 20 26 00 30 00 10 00 40 00 6 50 15 00 100 00 20 00 50 00 12 00	20 00 15 00 20 00 20 00 15 00 40 00 15 00 20 00 10 00	3 60 15 00 15 00 15 00 4 45 15 00 40 00 15 00 4 45	25 00 5 00 20 00 15 00 2 50 20 00 15 00 40 00 15 00 10 00	3 25 5 00 8 00 15 00 15 00 2 00 7 00 40 00 13 15 20 00 8 00	5 00 3 75 5 00 410 00 5 00

FINANCIAL TABLE.—CALVERT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Presi Ele	ding der.	Preacl Cha		Bish	ops.		erence	Fore Miss	eign ions.	Dom Missi			irch nsion	Other Ob- jects.
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Paid
Calvert and Hearne Bremond Marlin Circuit Kosse Circuit Durango Mission Wilderville Circuit Jewett Circuit Centerville Circuit Buffalo Circuit Fairfield Circuit Headville Circuit Franklin Circuit Pearsonville Circuit	75 00 115 00 75 00 55 00	73 96 115 00 63 00 31 95 29 55 51 00 63 55 41 85 42 50	700 00 500 00 320 00 200 00 455 00 420 00 500 00 575 00 250 00 445 00	493 14 700 00 412 28 211 10 147 70 311 00 316 95 300 00 404 65 161 25 425 25	4 30 6 60 4 25 2 40 4 00 4 75 3 75 4 25 2 80 2 35	6 60 4 25 2 40 2 40 2 50 5 00 3 75 4 25 2 50 2 35	34 5° 49 °° 28 85 22 5° 10 5° 21 77 22 2° 21 °° 28 32 11 28 29 76	34 5° 51 00 28 85 22 50 10 50 15 00 28 65 21 00 20 00 5 50 18 50	48 35 74 °°° 48 35 25 75 25 75 48 95 54 1°° 32 25	48 35 74 00 37 55 25 00 3 50 10 00 54 50 22 40 5 00 16 25	25 50 16 65 9 00 8 90 16 00 18 10	16 65 25 50 16 65 2 50 2 25 15 00 20 00 12 00 5 00 18 25	11 70 14 90 11 70	11 70 14 90 1 10	2 25
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RECAPITULATION—FINANCIAL.

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